(4) The company had to deliver 75,000 maunds annually from 1100 onwards. But on account of the floods of 1098 and the inadequate supply of brine of sufficient density, the manufacture in the factory was found to be far below the 75,000 maunds stipulated for delivery. As, in the present condition of brine supply, no improvement in the yield could be expected, the company was *temporarily* permitted to deliver only 50,000 maunds.

Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar's Salt Factory.

17. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (*a*) Is it not a fact that Government assigned only 38·75 acres of land to Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar for salt culture?

(*b*) Has the extent of his salt factory been increased by acquisition or purchase of more lands?

(*c*) Was not the quantity of 15,000 maunds of salt to be delivered to the Government every year fixed with reference to the 38·75 acres of land, and, if so, why have the Government not demanded an additional quantity of salt in respect of the extent of land acquired and purchased?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken a supplementary agreement from Mr. Krishna Aiyar in respect of the additional area?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) Yes. The agreement executed by this licensee as also the other licensees of the Modified Excise Factories do not provide for increasing the quantity of salt to be delivered by them to the Government in consequence of the increase in the area assigned to them for salt manufacture. These licensees have had to invest large sums of money on their factories and it was not the intention of the Government to impose disabling conditions on them which were not absolutely needed to secure the object of the Government which is to have a sufficient stock for transport to Alleppey and Trivandrum for sale there. In the case of the Srimulagopalanathan Allom, to which also about 20 acres of land were subsequently added, no additional quantity was demanded.

(*d*) No such agreement is necessary since the lands were added to the factory under the conditions of the agreement already executed by the licensee.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): It is stated in the answer.

.....In the case of the Srimulagopalanathan Allom, to which also about 20 acres of land were subsequently added, no additional quantity was demanded.

May I know under what circumstances, additional quantity was not demanded?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no such condition in the agreement.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): It is stated in the answer that 20 acres of land were subsequently added to the *allom* and that no additional quantity was demanded. I want to know the circumstances under which no additional quantity was demanded.

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The demands for salt are made according to the agreement.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : The original agreement was only for 120 acres. Subsequently, 20 acres were added to the *allom*. But no additional demand for salt was made. I want to know the circumstances under which the additional demand for salt was not made.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Information has not been called for in regard to that point.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ?

MR. P.N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, if the member is very particular.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : I am very particular about it. I want to know under what circumstances additional quantity was not imposed on the excess of land assigned.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The agreement does not provide for it.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : You should know that there was a supplementary agreement in regard to the 20 acres of land subsequently added, and I want to know why an additional quantity of salt was not imposed on the land added.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The members should address the Chair.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : I want to know the circumstances under which an additional quantity of salt was not imposed on the land added to the *allom* subsequently.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That information will be called for.

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